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SUBJECT: 56TH ECOSOC-ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: ITEM 19, SCIENCE
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1, IN COURSE OF DEBATE SUBJECT ITEM KENYA DEL INDICATED
HIS INTENTION TO PROPOSE FOR ACTION THIS SESSION
RESOLUTION PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED AT 55TH AND 56TH
ECOSOC. WHILE DRAFT RESOLUTION CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE
TO US WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT AND ARGUMENT FOR USE
IN DEBATE. SUBJECT MAY BE TAKEN UP IN ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE JULY 10-12. TEXT FOLLOWS:

ITEM II (C)

DRAFT RESOLUTION

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCIENCE AND

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1454 (XLII) OF 8TH AUGUST 1969
AND 1544 (XLIX) OF 30TH JULY, 1970, AND IN PARTICULAR PARAGRAPHS
1 AND 4 OF THE LATTER, ON FUTURE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,

RECOGNISING THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL NATIONS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE EVER-
GROWING AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECOGNISING ALSO THAT THIS APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS VITAL TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AS ENUNCIATED IN ARTICLE 55,

CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO BE
INVOLVED ON A MORE PRACTICAL BASIS WITH THESE NEW CHALLENGES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE CONSEQUENT NEED TO GIVE TO THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM THE INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY COMMENSURATE WITH
THESE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES,

MINDFUL OF THE VIEW THAT ANY INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN
THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN ONLY BE MEANINGFUL IF
ADEQUATE RESOURCES ARE MADE AVAILABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT,

1. DECIDES

A) TO ESTABLISH A UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAMME TO ASSIST, FACILITATE AND ENSURE THE APPLICATION OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT PARTICULARLY FOR THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

B) TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, COMPOSED OF 54 MEMBERS
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ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ON THE
FOLLOWING BASIS:

- I) SEATS FOR AFRICAN STATES,
- II) SEATS FOR ASIAN STATES,
- III) SEATS FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES,
- IV) SEATS FOR LATIN AMERICAN STATES,
- V) SEATS FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES,

C) THAT A SMALL INITIAL SECRETARIAT, CONSISTING OF THE PRESENT RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT DIVISION AND THE OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS TO SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT FOR THE CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE A HIGH DEGREE OF EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT UNDER THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE NOMINATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

D) THAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE MOST EFFICIENT CO-ORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CO-ORDINATION BOARD, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, SHALL BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUSPICES AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND BODIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO SUBMIT FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTY NINTH SESSION THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT; OR ITS INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP

A) APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF:

I) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

II) THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

III) THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CO-ORDINATION BOARD

IV) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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V) THE SECRETARIAT

3. DECIDES FURTHER THAT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME, A VOLUNTARY FUND SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 1975. IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING UNITED NATIONS FINANCIAL PROCEDURES,

4. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AGENCIES AND BODIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS MENTIONED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE FUND FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL.

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